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**Area Maritime Security Exercise**

During the period between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, I will hold an Area Maritime Security (AMS) Exercise in Port Canaveral, Florida. This AMS Exercise will involve simulated emergency raisings of the Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level, and I am requesting the participation of each vessel and facility with a security plan. **This AMS Exercise will involve only those vessels and facilities south of Daytona Beach and north of Port Malabar. If your vessel or facility is outside of the zone specified above and you receive notification of Exercise MARSEC level changes, please disregard.** I ask only that you help us determine whether our processes and procedures for communicating the area's MARSEC level is adequate. Other than listening for our raise in the MARSEC level and responding with acknowledgements, **you need expend no other resources.**

This exercise is the second in a recurring series of tabletop, command post, and field training exercises that will occur each year. The objective of these exercises is to test one of the various pieces of the Area Maritime Security (AMS) Plan. My staff and I developed this AMS Plan pursuant to the regulations at Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations part 103 with the advice and consultation of the JMTX Port Security Committee and the Port Canaveral Security Committee. The AMS Plan applies to all vessels, recreational and commercial on the navigable waters and extending seaward 12 nautical miles, and to all properties and installations on, above, and adjacent to navigable waters, including private property, utilities, and public areas such as parks.

I have posted a publicly available version of the draft AMS Plan on the Coast Guard's web page ([http://www.uscg.mil/d7/units/mso-jax/Maritime\\_Security/maritime\\_security.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/d7/units/mso-jax/Maritime_Security/maritime_security.htm)) for your information. The processes and procedures we will use to communicate changes in the MARSEC level, and the procedures which agents, designated Facility Security Officers, and designated Vessel/Ship Security Officers must follow to acknowledge that change, are outlined in section 3440.1 and 3440.2 (respectively).

Additionally, the AMS Plan calls for an "Operational Pause," **which should be simulated, not executed**, except for the "all clear" reporting; see Security Measure (91) listed below:

<u>Measure</u>	<u>Info Security</u>	<u>Responsible Entity</u>	<u>Description</u>
(91)	UNCLAS	All vessels and facilities with required security plans, all government installations	<b>Conduct OPERATIONAL PAUSE.</b> Upon receiving notification of MARSEC THREE set, conduct an operational pause while all spaces and operations ashore and afloat are reviewed. No vessels are to depart the dock or make entry into the port. Re-start operations after all-clear is confirmed by the FSO/SSO/VSO. Report the all-clear as soon as possible and no later than two hours after notification to the USCG Integrated Command Center, <b>3440.2</b> . Report suspicious activity or security breaches to 911 and the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802. For entities with approved facility or vessel security plans, begin implementing MARSEC THREE security measures after the operational pause is complete and confirm attainment of MARSEC THREE within twelve hours. Report inability (shortfalls) to attain elements of MARSEC THREE security measures immediately to the USCG Integrated Command Center. Repeat review/search procedures every 12 hours while MARSEC THREE is maintained, including report of "all clear" to the Integrated Command Center, see section <b>3440.2</b> .

All port entities are strongly encouraged to review the AMS Plan and particularly the 3000 series of the plan prior to the start of the exercise on May 19th, 2004.

All communications from the Coast Guard, including broadcast notices to mariners, related to this exercise will start with the standard line "THIS IS A DRILL – THIS IS A DRILL." Any responses to the exercise you make must also contain this key phrase. I will not, I repeat not, be raising the MARSEC level during the exercise – do not implement additional security measures without a clear message from me to that effect.

In the event that (for any reason) the exercise must be halted, I will transmit to the following message: "END EXERCISE – REPEAT – END EXERCISE." Any communication after this message should be treated as entirely genuine.

Again, the sequence of communications will be:

Emergency notification of MARSEC level change set from the Coast Guard;

Acknowledgement of MARSEC level change set from facilities and vessels to the Coast Guard;

Reporting of Operational Pause "all clear" from facilities and vessels to the Coast Guard;

Reporting of MARSEC level attainment from facilities and vessels to the Coast Guard; and

END EXERCISE message from the Coast Guard to all port entities.

I have attached to this MSIB a MARSEC-change Evaluation Form, and I ask that each Agent, designated Facility Security Officer, and designated Vessel/Ship Security Officer complete this form and transmit it to Fax: (904) 232-1014 after receipt of END EXERCISE message from the Coast Guard. This Evaluation Form is the only means we will have to evaluate whether you received the word as intended and whether our means of receiving communications back worked well. Please take this opportunity to help us smooth the process!

Please contact Lieutenant Commander Brian Penoyer at (904) 232-2640 X111, Mr. Thomas Taylor (904) 232-2640 X146, or LT Tracy Royce (321) 868-4250 with any questions about this exercise or potential impacts on your vessel or facility.

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# Area Maritime Security Exercise '04

## Observations and Lessons Learned

Please help us make next exercise even better! Your comments, suggestions, and ideas are important to us – fill out as many of these suggestion forms as you wish, and please return them by Fax to (904) 232-1014.

	<input type="checkbox"/> MARSEC 3 set <input type="checkbox"/> MARSEC 3 Acknowledged <input type="checkbox"/> All-Clear Report <input type="checkbox"/> MARSEC 3 Attainment Report <input type="checkbox"/> END EXERCISE Announcement
<b>Subject:</b>	
<b>Observation</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>Lesson Learned</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
<b>Can we contact you about this?</b>	Your name, number, and e-mail optional...
<b>Some Questions:</b>	How and when did you hear that the MARSEC level had been raised? Was the raise message clear to you? How would you have preferred to hear about it? Did we have the right contact numbers and names? Did you understand that you had to send the Coast Guard an Acknowledgement? Were you able to do so? How did you do it? Did you understand the "Operational Pause" and were you able to communicate the All Clear to the Coast Guard? Were you able to communicate the MARSEC Attainment message to the Coast Guard? How long did these steps take you? How and when did you get the END EXERCISE message? How much time did you have to wait, or were you able to communicate quickly and efficiently? Would this process work in the event of a real raise in MARSEC Level? How can we make the process work overall?

